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An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

Additionally, the attached applications identified in the attached Appendix are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications are not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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APPENDIX

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